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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 3, 2001, Applicant responds as follows.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application, and were rejected as follows:

| Claims / Section | 35 U.S.C. Sec. | References / Notes |
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| 7, 15 | §112, First Paragraph | • Enablement of "inversely related" language |
| 1-17 | §102(e) Anticipation | • Pirolli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,895,470). |

Applicant responds by providing discussion showing enablement for claims 7 and 15, and by distinguishing the Pirolli reference from the present invention.

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35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph, Claims 7, 15 Claim 1

1. *The written description enables claim language relating to the distance measure being inversely related to the measure of similarity because it teaches that a choice of functions may be used for this distance determination, and an inverse function (1/x) is a function well known in the art.*